

LETTER.

To his Excellency,

THOMAS W. VEAZEY:

SIR:—The last annual report of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, made on the 15th of June last, was transmitted to the Executive, as have been also to the Treasurer of the State, quarterly tabular statements or reports, in conformity with the requisition of the act of the General Assembly granting the loan of two millions of dollars, passed at the December session of 1834. No other reports than those made to the Treasurer, are required by any existing law; but observing by the annual message of the Executive, that an official report is expected, to be submitted to the Legislature—we take pleasure in furnishing the information in our possession, showing the progress of the works on the canal, the means in our control for its prosecution, and the prospects of its completion.

The works in progress below Williamsport, are, the outlet locks opposite the mouth of Goose Creek, required to be constructed by the act of Virginia, by which a subscription of \$250,000 was made to the stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; and the tow-path on the pool of Dam No. 4, below Williamsport. These works will be completed in the course of the ensuing summer. The danger and delay attending the navigation of the deep and wide sheet of water, created by the erection of dam No. 4, as a feeder, rendered it indispensable to adopt some plan, for the safe and convenient passage of boats. The construction of a canal of between three and four miles in length, for the most part along the base